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SUBJECT: COMPLIANCE WITH U.S. AUTO EMISSION STANDARDS

REF: STATE 229121

1. EXTAFF RESPONSE TO JAN 30 TO EMBASSY LETTER OF NOV 26, WITH WHICH EPA PAPER WAS FORWARDED, SUGGESTS DESIRABILITY OF MEETING EPA OFFICIALS AND CANADIAN MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT. PROPOSES THIS TAKE PLACE DURING FEB IN OTTAWA.

2. OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS OF RESPONSE READ AS FOLLOWS:
QUOTE. I REFER TO YOUR LETTER OF NOVEMBER 26, 1973 REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF ON-SITE INSPECTIONS IN CANADA BY THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) WITH RESPECT TO AUTO EMISSION STANDARDS IN ORDER TO CONFIRM THAT PRODUCTION MODELS OF CARS CONFORM TO THE PROTOTYPE UNITS WHICH THE EPA ORIGINALLY INSPECTED AND CERTIFIED AS MEETING US AUTO EMISSION STANDARDS.

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SUBJECT TO RECIPROCITY, WE CERTAINLY ACCEPT THE

PRINCIPLE OF SUCH INSPECTION VISITS. FOR REASONS OF EFFICIENCY - AND GIVEN THE SIMILARITY OF OUR EMISSION STANDARDS - WE WOULD HOPE THAT IN PRACTICE COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE WORKED OUT FOR SUCH INSPECTIONS. AS YOU MAY KNOW FOR THE INSPECTION OF GOODS PURCHASED UNDER GOVERNMENT CONTRACT, ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE WHEREBY IN PRACTICE CANADIAN INSPECTORS ACT FOR THEIR AMERICAN COUNTERPARTS IN CANADA, AND AMERICAN INSPECTORS FOR THEIR CANADIAN COUNTERPARTS IN THE USA. POSSIBLY SOMETHING ALONG THESE LINES WILL PROVE APPROPRIATE IN THIS INSTANCE, PARTICULARLY AS INSPECTORS OF MOT'S REGULATION ENFORCEMENT DIVISION ALREADY HAVE IN OPERATION IN CANADA A PROGRAM OF THE TYPE PROPOSED. IN ANY EVENT, IT WOULD SEEM USEFUL FOR OFFICIALS OF THE EPA AND MOT INSPECTION SERVICES TO CONSIDER MODALITIES AND WITH THAT IN MIND, I AM HAPPY TO TAKE UP YOUR PROPOSAL THAT EPA OFFICIALS COME TO OTTAWA FOR THE PURPOSE OF FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. COULD YOU LET ME KNOW WHETHER SOME DATE IN FEBRUARY WOULD BE CONVENIENT. END QUOTE.

3. COMMENT: ATTENTION IS CALLED TO EMPHASIS ON RECIPROCITY. WE SUSPECT THAT IF EPA NOT WILLING RELY ON CANADIAN INSPECTORS IN PLANTS HERE, GOC WILL ALLOW US INSPECTORS SUBJECT TO US AUTHORIZATION FOR CANADIAN INSPECTORS TO VISIT PLANTS IN US FOR SIMILAR PURPOSES WHENEVER NECESSARY. SUCH VISITS WOULD PROBABLY BE MADE INFREQUENTLY BUT WOULD BE SCHEDULED TO EMPHASIZE THE RECIPROCITY OF THE ARRANGEMENT.
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